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CALIFORNIA WILD FLOWER SEEDS

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TREASURES FOR THE PROGRESSIVE GARDNER

Mimulus (Diplacus) Hybrids—

M. aurantiacus (yellow) x **M. puniceus** (black-red). Herbaceous perennial, 2 ft. tall, with shining pointed leaves. Large flowers in a color range which includes white, buff, salmon, chamois pink, old rose, raspberry and scarlet throated orange. Very satisfactory in temperate climates and an excellent greenhouse plant in colder regions.

Viola howellii—Everblooming. Makes a mat 18 in. wide of small dark leaves. The very large flowers are of light violet deeply flushed with rich purple. Excellent for naturalizing in wind-blown grassy meadows in temperate climates.

Jamesia americana var. **californica**—Rare hardy shrub, 2 ft. tall. Clusters of spreading rich pink rose-like flowers. Deep canyons and granite cliffs of a limited area in the Sierra Nevada mts. from 8500 to 12,000 ft.

TRUE ALPINES AND OTHER BEAUTIFUL AND HARDY ROCK PLANTS

- Erigeron algidus**—Alpine, 4 in. Narrow leaves in basal tufts. Large, many-rayed violet flowers. Sierra Nevada mt. peaks to 13,000 ft. Hardy.
- E. pinnatisectus**—Alpine, 6 in. Tufts of gray-green, finely divided leaves. Large violet-purple flowers. Central Rocky Mts. Hardy.
- Mimulus tilingi**—4 in. Thin round leaves. Large broad-lipped rich yellow flowers. Mountain meadows and stream banks to 9000 ft. Hardy.
- Saxifraga aestivalis**—12 in. Round, neatly scalloped leaves. Slender panicle of dainty white flowers. Mt. streams to 9600 ft. Hardy.
- Synthesis sweetzeri**—4 in. Long heart-shaped leaves. Spikes of dark blue flowers. Siskiyou Mts. Hardy.
- Trillium rivale**—6 in. Heart-shaped leaves. Large white flower, purple-dotted at center. Edge of moist woods in north-western California. Hardy.

HARDY PERENNIALS

- Erigeron macranthus**—15 in. Loose clusters of many-rayed lilac flowers. Montane in Rocky Mts. from Arizona to British Columbia. Hardy.
- Eriogonum elatum**—2 ft. Long-stemmed leaves, gray-green above, white felt underneath. Broad flat racemes of creamy fragrant flowers. Dry rocky hillsides of northern California. Hardy.
- Lupinus latifolius** var. **columbianus**—6 ft. Huge leaves. Many large lavender-blue flowers. Sierra Nevada mt. streamsides. Hardy.
- L. polyphyllus**—3 ft. Large lush green leaves. Long spikes of fragrant Tyrian purple flowers. Moist meadows of northern California. Hardy.
- Nama parryi**—5 ft. Woody stems and narrow leaves. Long spikes of very decorative purple funnel-form flowers grouped in an 18 in. panicle. Mts. of southern California to 6500 ft. Hardy.
- Oenothera marginata**—Large rosettes of narrow, deeply toothed leaves, covered and fringed with silver hairs. White flowers, 4 to 5 in. across. Dry hills of the northern Great Basin. Hardy.
- Sphenosciadium capitellatum**—4 ft. Large decorative fern-like leaves. Large umbels of many fluffy cream-white balls on downy stalks. A striking plant of California mt. streams to 10,000 ft. Hardy.
- Veratrum californicum**, Corn Lily—5 ft. Sturdy stems with large ribbed sheathing leaves. Cream colored flowers in drooping terminal panicles. High meadows of Sierra Nevada mts. to 8500 ft. Hardy.

PERENNIALS FOR MILD CLIMATES

- Eriogonum rubescens**—8 in. Gray foliage. Spreading. Broad heads of rich rose-pink flowers. Santa Barbara Islands.
- Helianthemum scoparium**, Rush-Rose—2 ft. Many stemmed plant, bearing quantities of bright yellow flowers. Dry slopes of central Coast Ranges and southern Sierra Nevada mts.

Salvia leucophylla, Purple Sage—3 ft. Broad shrubby plant, the stems, leaves and flower-calices silver-gray. Dark lavender flowers in close whorls. Coastal mts. of southern California to 1500 ft.

S. spathacea, Humming-bird Sage—2 ft. Dark green foliage. Whorls of long crimson flowers. Central and southern Coast Ranges.

UNUSUAL AND BEAUTIFUL ANNUALS

Chaenactis glabriuscula, Pin-cushions—10 in. Many heads of thickly tufted bright yellow flowers. Foothills of southern California and Sierra Nevada mts. 10 cents per packet.

Lessingia leptoclada—18 in. Many branching stems thickly covered with dainty aster-like flowers of lavender-pink. Warm open slopes in Sierra Nevada mt. foothills to 5000 ft.

DESIRABLE SHRUBS

Berberis fremontii, Desert Barberry—Leathery holly-like leaves. Loose sprays of yellow flowers. Desert mt. ridges of southern California.

Ceanothus crassifolius—5 ft. Graceful arching branches. Beautiful thick holly-like leaves, white felt underneath. Bunches of fragrant white, black-eyed flowers. One of the best ceanothi for garden culture. Southern California mt. sides to 3000 ft.

C. spinosus, Red-heart—8 ft. Pale green bark and leaves. Panicles of light blue flowers. Mts. of southern California coast.

Comarostaphylis diversifolia—Evergreen shrub or tree, 15 ft. Beautiful glossy finely toothed leaves. White urn-shaped flowers and translucent scarlet berries in drooping panicles. Localized on Santa Barbara Islands and adjacent coast.

Lyonothamnus floribundus, Catalina Ironwood—Slender evergreen tree, 30 ft. Narrow dark green pinnately cut leaves. White flowers in broad clusters. Endemic to Santa Barbara Islands.

NATIVE BULBS (seed)

Calochortus venustus var. **purpurascens**—12 in. Flowers range from rose red to rich red-purple, strikingly and beautifully blotched. Sandy soil in central and southern California. Hardy.

NATIVE IRIS

Iris tenax, Oregon foothill form—10 in. Many flowering stems. Flowers in shades of mauve, orchid, pink to mulberry. Foothills of Cascade Mts. in Oregon. Hardy.

NATIVE SUCCULENTS

Agave parryi—Broad thick bluish-green leaves. Flowering stem 12 ft. Widely spreading panicle of large yellow flowers. Southern Arizona and New Mexico.